#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Ronald Marquez, v.	Plaintiff,	: : Civil Action No.:: :
JIDD Motors, Inc.,	Defendant.	COMPLAINT
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For this Complaint, Plaintiff, Ronald Marquez, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This action arises out of Defendant's violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681, *et seq.* (the "FCRA").
- 2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendant transacts business here and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred here.

#### **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff, Ronald Marquez ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Brookfield, Illinois, and is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).
- 4. Defendant, JIDD Motors, Inc. ("JIDD"), is an Illinois business entity with a principal place of business in Des Plaines, Illinois. JIDD obtains consumer credit information from consumer credit reporting agencies in connection with financing for automobile purchases.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 5. In February 2016, Plaintiff went to JIDD in order to purchase a vehicle.
- 6. At that time, Plaintiff had already obtained financing for the vehicle through a

local credit union.

- 7. Plaintiff brought the paperwork from the credit union to JIDD and explicitly told JIDD that he did not want his credit report accessed by JIDD or other potential creditors.
- 8. Thereafter, Plaintiff checked his credit report and found that JIDD accessed his credit report and also allowed half a dozen other creditors to do the same.
- 9. Plaintiff did not provide JIDD with consent to obtain his credit report or to cause other companies to obtain his credit report for any purpose.
  - 10. As such, JIDD did not access Plaintiff's credit for a permissible purpose.

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.

- 11. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 12. 15 U.S.C. §1681b permits access to consumer reports for several specific, enumerated permissible purposes.
- 13. Defendant obtained Plaintiff's credit report without permissible purpose, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f).
- 14. Defendant caused other companies to obtain Plaintiff's credit report without permissible purpose, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f).
- 15. As a result of Defendant's violation of § 1681b(f) Plaintiff is entitled to damages, costs and attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n(a).

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be awarded in Plaintiff's favor and against Defendant as follows:

1. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1)(B);

- 2. Punitive damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(2);
- 3. Attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3); and
- 4. Granting Plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

## TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

Dated: April 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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